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Report of the Bureau of Employment and Relief of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, Worcester, Mass., U. S. A.

Worcester, April 13th, 1915.

To the Executive Committee of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce:—

The Bureau of Employment and Relief of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce established by your Committee in November, 1914, respectfully submits the following report of its work.

The first meeting of the Bureau was held on November 30, 1914, and organization was effected with the following officers and members:

CHARLES G. WASHBURN, *Chairman*

ALBERT L. STRATTON, *Treasurer*

JOHN W. ODLIN, *Clerk*

MIRIAM F. WITHERSPOON, *Executive Officer*

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GEORGE T. RICHARDSON

Ex-officio members, J. LEWIS ELLSWORTH, *President*, ALBERT A. SPAULDING (later CHANDLER BULLOCK), *Vice-President* and HERBERT N. DAVISON, *General Secretary* of the Chamber of Commerce.

From November 30, 1914, until and including March 29, 1915, the Bureau has met weekly on Mondays at five o'clock.

The Bureau first undertook to familiarize itself with the conditions of unemployment and the needs of relief in the City. It was found that since late in 1913 there had been an increasing slackness of work in practically all the industries of the City. This dullness seemed not to be confined to any special line and was therefore an unusual condition in the previous industrial history of the City. It caused a grave feeling of apprehension among the various charitable agencies and the public at large.

It was found that the working force in some mills had been largely reduced, that in others the working time had been shortened, that in May withdrawals from the Savings Banks in small weekly amounts became noticeable, that the number of vacant tenements increased because of removals from town and the doubling up of families, that landlords and small provision dealers were with difficulty collecting their rents and their accounts and were carrying many families.

By November the lessening of out-door work, the diminution of savings, the ending of credit and the sharp cold showed their effects in the office of the Overseers of the Poor and of the Associated Charities. The new families coming to the attention of the Associated Charities were more by 50% in November, 1914, than in November of the previous year, and in December they were three times as many as in the corresponding month. The Free Employment Office reported a comparatively larger number of applications for work and a smaller number of calls for workmen, and there began to appear upon its lists mechanics, competent house maids and men with technical and clerical training. It was suspected, and afterward found, that the conditions of unemployment would bear most hardly upon those who ordinarily were amply able to take care of themselves and were not on the border line of charity.

The several charities of the City anticipated greatly increased demands upon them during the winter and doubted the possibility of raising sufficient money to meet them. Within the year the City had been called upon to give largely to the Boys' Club and to the Boy Scouts, and the various War Funds were making their appeals. The uncertainty of the business outlook was likely also to affect contributions.

It seemed proper to make a survey of the existing agencies for relief. A letter was sent by the Bureau to sixteen of the private charitable agencies having to do most directly with relief and replies were received from fifteen. A copy of the request and a summary of the responses are annexed hereto in Appendix A.

The names and purposes of these Charities are as follows:—

Associated Charities:—

To help people to help themselves, to promote co-operation between charitable organizations, to prevent begging and pauperism and to care for needy families in an emergency.

Swedish Charitable Association:—

To aid needy Swedish people of Worcester.

Worcester Employment Society:—

To provide sewing to handicapped women at reasonable compensation.

Bethel Help Association:—

To deal with the problem of homeless men.

Galilee Mission:—

To help the material welfare and spiritual life of the friendless and poor.

Door of Hope:—

To aid young women and girls who have been led astray or who are in especial difficulty by caring for them in its home, setting before them higher ideals and providing them with honorable employment.

Guild of St. Agnes:—

To provide temporary shelter for needy girls and women, for destitute children and for girls and women who are strangers in the City. It also looks after maternity cases, conducts a day nursery and aids the sick and destitute in their homes.

Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Worcester Branch:—

To protect children from physical injury, physical neglect, improper guardianship, pauperism, and immoral contamination.

Worcester Children's Friend Society:—

To care for dependent and neglected children in their own homes, or in foster homes, and to re-establish their own homes as soon as possible.

Temporary Home and Day Nursery:—

To provide temporary care for women and children.

Worcester Boys' Club:—

To provide and maintain rooms for the improvement of the moral, physical and intellectual nature of boys.

Worcester Society for District Nursing:—

To provide trained nurses whose duty is to visit sick persons deprived of proper care, to care for them in their homes and to instruct members of the household in simple rules of hygiene.

Memorial Hospital Aid Society, Social Worker:—

To extend the hospital treatment and influence in the homes.

Fresh Air Fund:—

To give two weeks' outing in the country during July and August to tired mothers and frail children.

Committee on Clean Milk Stations:—

To provide clean milk at cost and education in the care of infants.

In the year 1913-1914 these organizations disbursed \$79,111.68 and the number of persons in some way aided by them was perhaps 19,000. Of this amount the beneficiaries paid \$10,944.48, the public contributed \$43,593.88 and the balance was principally income from invested funds.

The Overseers of the Poor during the year 1913-1914 expended the sum of \$46,936.44 and aided thereby 3325 individuals: a large increase over previous years. (See Appendix B.)

The Bureau found that these several public and private agencies work in entire co-operation and without over-lapping in their respective fields. A single family, however, might be the subject of attention from several agencies as, for example, the District Nurse might care for the sick mother, the Associated Charities afford temporary relief to the household and the Children's Friend Society take one or two of the children until the family crisis was passed.

The total number of individuals listed above therefore is necessarily inaccurate, because some might be included on the records of several agencies but might be in actual receipt of aid from but one of them. Over-lapping of relief is prevented by careful investigation and the recording of applications by the different charities and by the Associated Charities: a necessary precaution to prevent imposition and waste.

The purpose of all these private charities is to give what aid and advice is immediately necessary but chiefly to strive that the recipient be put in the way of becoming again self-supporting: The number of individuals covers therefore those who have been helped by sympathy and advice as well as those who have been given material aid.

These sources of relief do not include aid given through churches or through societies to their members and of course cannot include the help which individuals at all times extend to one another.

It was apparent that the work of the Bureau should not in-

terfere with the subscriptions which these charities needed from the public or with the constructive work in which they were engaged, and it was also apparent that any relief afforded by the Bureau should, so far as it was possible, take rather the form of assistance to those temporarily embarrassed than of alms. It was decided therefore that the money collected by the Bureau should be distributed by its agent, Miss Witherspoon, and that while the conditions of the applying family should be investigated and understood, the names of the recipients should not be kept upon the records of any charity. The families which the Bureau desired especially to aid were those where the wage earner was out of work and who had never applied to the Overseers of the Poor or to the Associated Charities.

Your Committee directed the Bureau to raise the necessary funds from the nine hundred and eighty members of the Chamber of Commerce. Accordingly the first appeal was sent to the members of the Chamber in November, to which eighty-nine members responded and gave nine hundred eighty-two dollars; a second was sent January 19, to which forty-three gave five hundred seventy-one dollars; and a third, supplemented by personal solicitation, was sent February 10 and a fourth appeal March 1. The result of these four appeals has been that two hundred sixty individuals and business members of the Chamber have contributed a total of \$2879.35, with thirty-four dollars in subscription as yet unpaid. This amount was insufficient to meet the demands that came within the scope of the Bureau.

The sum of two hundred dollars was set aside in the hands of the Treasurer to be loaned upon the recommendation of the District Nursing Association to persons in need of small sums upon their notes without interest. One hundred fifty dollars, of which two dollars has been repaid, has been thus loaned to twelve persons, as appears upon the Treasurer's account hereto annexed. The balance of the money subscribed has been wholly expended; two hundred thirty-five dollars in paying the salary of the visitors and for travel, and \$2446.35 in relief, together with fifty dollars in coal orders for two hundred six families, including ten hundred fifty-eight individuals, as appears from the Treasurer's account and the report of Miss Billings, visitor in charge of the Relief Work for the Bureau, hereto annexed in Appendix C.

From October 1, 1914, to April 1, 1915, the Overseers of the Poor expended \$25,653.39 in relief to five hundred eighty families and three thousand one hundred twenty-two individuals.

During the same period the charities above enumerated expended the sum of \$42,189.52 for the benefit of seventeen thousand individuals, beside the lodgings furnished homeless men.

There has thus been expended through all these sources a total of \$70,722.26 the past six months (See Appendix D), and a comparison of these figures with the expenditure in previous years (See Appendices A and B), shows graphically the trying period through which the City has passed.

No reliable data as to the extent of unemployment has been or could well be obtained. The early cold furnished employment in ice cutting to many men. The orders for war supplies which came to several New England Cities drew away many of our skilled employees. The State, through the Forestry department, provided work for some men in the City. The Bureau early in the winter urged the Mayor to prosecute whatever public work could advantageously be undertaken, and efforts have been made by the City Departments to provide such work. All these have helped somewhat to relieve the situation, but have rendered any estimates as to the extent of unemployment, fallacious. Conditions were more serious than in 1907—8 chiefly because of the long continued depression and the increase in the cost of living.

In the middle of February business began to improve and the improvement has continued though very slowly. The need of relief, however, has not much diminished because although there was somewhat more work, either by the mills taking on more men or working longer hours, yet the expenses of the winter have brought more families to the end of their resources. There has also lately developed much illness which is only too likely traceable to the privations of the winter.

With the coming of spring and the starting of out-door work the need for relief will be less, and as the funds of the Bureau have been exhausted, the matter of further aid must be left to the Overseers of the Poor and to the Charities. To them is shifted, therefore, a still serious burden which the Bureau hopes the generosity of the public will enable them to sustain.

During the winter many questions have been investigated and discussed by the Bureau. Mr. Harold Barton made an investigation in Boston and Providence, and inquiries elsewhere, as to the utility and possibility of municipal wood yards and lodging houses for "won't works." The work of the Salvation Army, the regulation of dealers in second hand clothing, the limitations on employment of labor, the program of the new American Association on Unemployment, the handling of the city poor relief, were among matters referred to and reported upon by sub-committees. Under the auspices of the Bureau the State Board of Charities held a conference on Mothers' Aid at the Chamber on March 10th.

During the winter the Bureau received weekly reports of conditions in the City and kept itself informed so far as practicable of the work of similar committees elsewhere. It has received assistance and advice from His Honor, the Mayor, from Dr. Nichols and Miss Witherspoon of the Associated Charities, Miss Jacobus of the District Nursing Association, Mr. David W. Armstrong of the Boys' Club, Chief of Police George H. Hill, Mr. Harold Barton, and others, to all of whom and especially to Miss Witherspoon and her assistant, Miss Billings, it is grateful.

In closing its work the Bureau wishes to call to the attention of the Chamber of Commerce and through it, if it seems wise, to the public, a few suggestions.

In every community there is a class of chronic unemployed, the "won't works" and those who, through disease or accident or deficiency are unable, even under favorable conditions, to take care of themselves. For these persons the municipality, either through some scheme of municipal lodging house or wood yard and the State, through its hospitals, asylums and penal institutions, must care. But there is also the great class of the employable, many of whom in the frequently recurring times of business depression become objects of relief without any fault that may fairly be attributed to them. Those whose earning capacity and family resources are small and who even in good times are on the borderline of charity can, we think, be cared for by the existing agencies in Worcester if the support which these agencies deserve is continued. But there is another class whose earnings are ordinarily more than sufficient for their needs but who have been brought by the year of depression to the end of their savings and credit. Such persons will not seek charity nor can they readily be discovered, yet too frequently their need has been the greatest. The Bureau has been able to relieve a few cases. In several cities they have been helped by means of Loan Funds in the hands of Trustees to be loaned to persons whose history shows that in all probability they can and will repay, either to tide over a temporary crisis or to purchase tools or furniture that had previously been sold. A gift or bequest for that purpose in Worcester would be of assistance to the type of person who this year has suffered both in body and in self respect.

The Bureau has been impressed with the advantages which may be derived by the employer and the employee through the extension and the use of the State Free Employment Office whose Worcester branch is at 48 Green Street. The workman should not be required to peddle his labor from shop to shop or from town to town, nor the employer be limited to the labor supply in his own district. This agency furnishes a state wide clearing

house which as it is better understood, extended and developed, will be useful to the community. Its methods and possibilities might well be brought to the attention of the members of the Chamber.

It is a common complaint that public work is not wisely distributed and that the average municipality is more ready in times of depression to pay out money for relief than to undertake work which, though not immediately necessary, must at some time be done. Public work in good times should be slack and in bad times should be brisk and it is better for the city to spend its money through almost any other department than the Poor Department. As a general rule it seems impossible for our municipalities to look very far into the future or to plan for their development, so that when need for employment arises there is little that can be done and what is done is too apt to be haphazard or wasteful. Greater appreciation of future requirements and a readiness to undertake them as occasion arises would help materially in seasons of business depression.

Lastly, the question of unemployment, and the remedies, if there be any, has become a matter of serious public concern. We are beginning to realize that there is always unemployment which a slight slowing down of business soon renders acute. Whether the remedy lies in vocational training, in less hampering legislation, in smoothing out the curves of seasonal and other occupations, in better distribution of work and of workmen, or must be sought in some form of insurance, is certain to be the subject of discussion and of legislation. It would be well if the wide ramifications of the question could be studied, and Worcester is well fitted from the variety of its industries, its size, and the character of its people, to furnish valuable information. We strongly urge such an investigation to the end that if bad times come again some relief other than charity may be found.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES G. WASHBURN, *Chairman*;

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APPENDIX A

WORCESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Worcester, Massachusetts, U. S. A.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 3, 1914.

DEAR SIR:—

The Bureau of Employment and Relief of the Chamber of Commerce wishes to obtain as full data as to conditions of unemployment in the City and of demands upon the several Charitable Agencies as possible.

It will greatly aid this inquiry and help to aid the usefulness of this Committee if you will fill out the enclosed blank and return it to the General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce by Monday, December 7th, or as soon afterwards as possible.

Any information which is not covered on this blank, and any suggestions which you may have will be gratefully received.

In the matter of the heading, "Number of Applications for Aid," we wish to include aid of every sort, whether in money or supplies, in advice or in direction to other Charitable Agencies, that is, the number of persons to whom service of any sort has been rendered.

Any inquiry as to the method of filling out the blanks may be made to Miss Witherspoon of the Associated Charities or to Mr. Frank F. Dresser, 808 Slater Building.

Very truly yours,

HERBERT N. DAVISON,
General Secretary.

Name of Society.....
Purpose

	Year ending 1911	Year ending 1912	Year ending 1913	Year ending 1914
Contributions from Public (1)				
Payments for Service . . (2)				
Expenditures (3)				
Number applications for Aid				
Number persons represented by such applications . . . (4)				

- Contributions from Public should include all the monies annually raised by membership subscription—entertainments, etc., excluding legacies and income from invested funds and payments for services rendered.

2. Payments for Service should include whatever is paid by beneficiaries or friends for the work done by the charity.
 3. Expenditures should include the total disbursements for all purposes except money invested and permanent improvements.
 4. Persons represented by application depends upon your method—if you count a family as one applicant, the number of persons in that family would be listed here.
- How do your contributions from the Public up to December 1 compare with the corresponding period last year?
- If there is a falling off, is it in number of subscribers or in amounts of subscriptions?
- Do you expect to obtain your usual amount?
- How do your applications for aid up to December 1 compare with the corresponding period last year?
- Is a different type or class of people applying?
- Please write fully whether conditions have changed lately for better or worse, what the outlook for the winter is and what, if any suggestions you have, as to how the Chamber of Commerce Committee may aid.

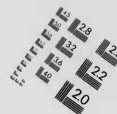
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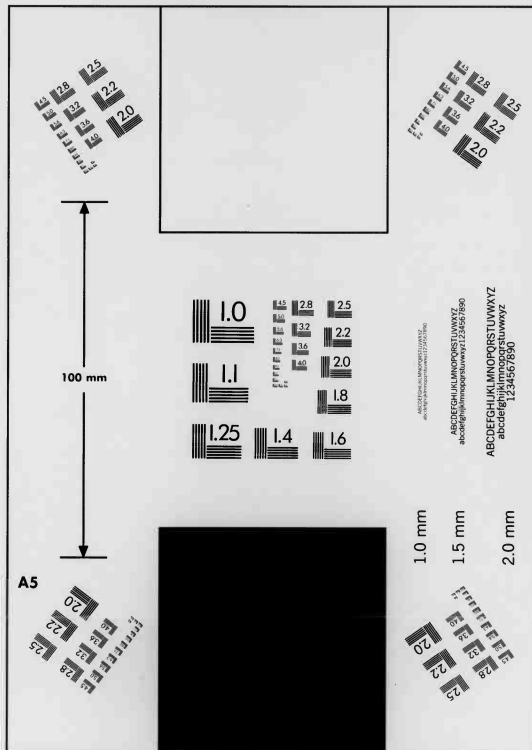
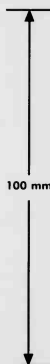
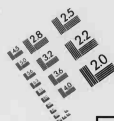
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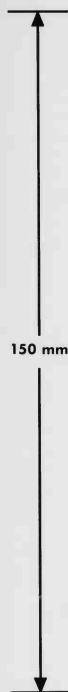
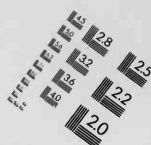
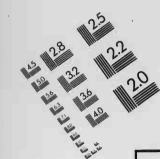
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Associated Charities	\$4,526.98	\$12.50	\$5,158.18	2,288	\$4,030.09	\$8.00	\$6,031.17	2,433	\$3,631.15	\$10.00	\$6,166.08	2,000	\$5,635.38	\$5.00	\$7,494.90	2,990
Swedish Charitable Society . .	6,229.20		3,240.08	350	4,113.80		3,200.45	350	1,917.03		3,328.11	350	2,822.26		3,112.54	450
Worcester Employment Soc'y . .	2,277.46		3,764.87	111	2,380.70		4,266.62	149	1,648.68		5,118.78	133	2,934.13		5,696.52	151
Bethel Help Association	715.86	3,619.49	4,669.00	22,620*	1,070.32	3,145.72	4,584.72	19,660*	1,478.37	3,019.72	5,019.71	20,600*	2,575.42	2,479.15	6,333.16	20,748*
Galilee Mission									1,287.24		1,287.24	694	1,588.45		1,584.61	
Door of Hope					998.40	245.00	1,065.75	67	1,165.00	245.00	1,200.99		1,249.34	275.00	1,212.68	78
St. Agnes Guild													2,167.69	231.10	2,755.45	4,179
Mass. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children . .					1,997.77		3,134.05	1,037	2,306.22		3,891.81	1,548	2,712.36		3,810.10	955
Worcester Children's Friend Society	2,760.44	3,748.82	14,215.56	233	3,274.66	4,656.65	15,952.45	351	3,584.79	5,213.65	16,053.63	374	3,143.04	4,799.97	15,895.36	357
Temporary Home and Day Nursery	3,927.08	431.68	6,470.70	306	4,155.69	911.92	6,321.97	255	3,793.93	874.64	6,010.28	351	3,814.65	747.95	6,248.10	376
Boys' Club	3,666.02	192.02	4,766.40	870	4,835.48	174.59	5,114.88	869	5,399.48	255.90	6,245.50	966	4,360.69	191.37	6,920.32	813
Society for District Nursing	3,255.39	633.15	9,832.94	2,471	3,278.91	955.51	10,585.53	2,883	6,868.46	1,161.49	13,189.13	6,051	6,230.40	924.00	12,132.42	4,101
Memorial Hospital Aid Society, Social Worker									525.13		1,137.83	2,700	1,063.00		1,181.26	3,336
Fresh Air Fund	825.50		1,335.87	366	1,953.09		2,106.34	719	1,892.23		2,030.20	633	1,985.37		1,970.41	634
Committee on Clean Milk Stations					1,484.04	1,329.62	2,653.94	430	1,238.58	1,370.35	2,785.70	398	1,211.70	1,290.94	2,763.85	477
Totals	\$28,183.93	\$8,637.66	\$53,453.60		\$33,572.95	\$11,427.01	\$65,017.87		\$36,736.29	\$12,150.75	\$73,464.99		\$43,593.88	\$10,944.48	\$79,111.68	

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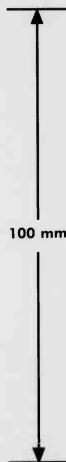
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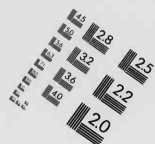
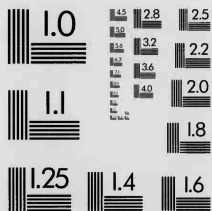
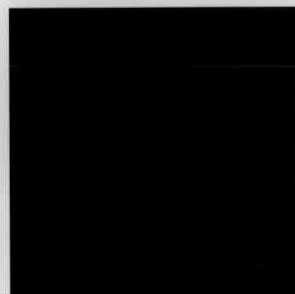
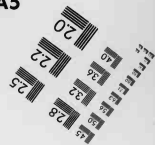


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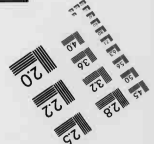
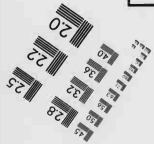
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Name	1911				1912				1913		
	Contributions	Receipts from Beneficiaries	Expenditures	Individuals	Contributions	Receipts from Beneficiaries	Expenditures	Individuals	Contributions	Receipts from Beneficiaries	Expenditures
Associated Charities	\$4,526.98	\$12.50	\$5,158.18	2,288	\$4,030.09	\$8.00	\$6,031.17	2,433	\$3,631.15	\$10.00	\$6,166.08
Swedish Charitable Society .	6,229.20		3,240.08	350	4,113.80		3,200.45	350	1,917.03		3,328.11
Worcester Employment Soc'y	2,277.46		3,764.87	111	2,380.70		4,266.62	149	1,648.68		5,118.78
Bethel Help Association . . .	715.86	3,619.49	4,669.00	22,620*	1,070.32	3,145.72	4,584.72	19,660*	1,478.37	3,019.72	5,019.71
Galilee Mission									1,287.24		1,287.24
Door of Hope					998.40	245.00	1,065.75	67	1,165.00	245.00	1,200.99
St. Agnes Guild											
Mass. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children . .					1,997.77		3,134.05	1,037	2,306.22		3,891.81
Worcester Children's Friend Society	2,760.44	3,748.82	14,215.56	233	3,274.66	4,656.65	15,952.45	351	3,584.79	5,213.65	16,053.63
Temporary Home and Day Nursery	3,927.08	431.68	6,470.70	306	4,155.69	911.92	6,321.97	255	3,793.93	874.64	6,010.28
Boys' Club	3,666.02	192.02	4,766.40	870	4,835.48	174.59	5,114.88	869	5,399.48	255.90	6,245.50
Society for District Nursing	3,255.39	633.15	9,832.94	2,471	3,278.91	955.51	10,585.53	2,883	6,868.46	1,161.49	13,189.13
Memorial Hospital Aid Society, Social Worker									525.13		1,137.83
Fresh Air Fund	825.50		1,335.87	366	1,953.09		2,106.34	719	1,892.23		2,030.20
Committee on Clean Milk Stations					1,484.04	1,329.62	2,653.94	430	1,238.58	1,370.35	2,785.70
Totals	\$28,183.93	\$8,637.66	\$53,453.60		\$33,572.95	\$11,427.01	\$65,017.87		\$36,736.29	\$12,150.75	\$73,464.99

NOTE.—The above data was requested for a special purpose and at a time which did not permit complete records for the year 1914. Reference should be made to these charities for an exact statement of their work, resources and disbursements.

*Lodgings and special aid.

SUMMARY OF DATA FURNISHED IN ANSWER TO THE ABOVE

1912						1913						1914	
Expenditures	Individuals	Contributions	Receipts from Beneficiaries	Expenditures	Individuals	Contributions	Receipts from Beneficiaries	Expenditures	Individuals	Contributions	Receipts from Beneficiaries	Expenditures	Individuals
\$5,158.18	2,288	\$4,030.09	\$8.00	\$6,031.17	2,433	\$3,631.15	\$10.00	\$6,166.08	2,000	\$5,635.38	\$5.00	\$7,494.90	2,990
3,240.08	350	4,113.80		3,200.45	350	1,917.03		3,328.11	350	2,822.26		3,112.54	450
3,764.87	111	2,380.70		4,266.62	149	1,648.68		5,118.78	133	2,934.13		5,696.52	151
4,669.00	22,620*	1,070.32	3,145.72	4,584.72	19,660*	1,478.37	3,019.72	5,019.71	20,600*	2,575.42	2,479.15	6,333.16	20,748*
						1,287.24		1,287.24	694	1,588.45		1,584.61	
		998.40	245.00	1,065.75	67	1,165.00	245.00	1,200.99		1,249.34	275.00	1,212.68	78
										2,167.69	231.10	2,755.45	4,179
		1,997.77		3,134.05	1,037	2,306.22		3,891.81	1,548	2,712.36		3,810.10	955
14,215.56	233	3,274.66	4,656.65	15,952.45	351	3,584.79	5,213.65	16,053.63	374	3,143.04	4,799.97	15,895.36	357
6,470.70	306	4,155.69	911.92	6,321.97	255	3,793.93	874.64	6,010.28	351	3,814.65	747.95	6,248.10	376
4,766.40	870	4,835.48	174.59	5,114.88	869	5,399.48	255.90	6,245.50	966	4,360.69	191.37	6,920.32	813
9,832.94	2,471	3,278.91	955.51	10,585.53	2,883	6,868.46	1,161.49	13,189.13	6,051	6,230.40	924.00	12,132.42	4,101
						525.13		1,137.83	2,700	1,063.00		1,181.26	3,336
1,335.87	366	1,953.09		2,106.34	719	1,892.23		2,030.20	633	1,985.37		1,970.41	634
		1,484.04	1,329.62	2,653.94	430	1,238.58	1,370.35	2,785.70	398	1,211.70	1,290.94	2,763.85	477
\$53,453.60		\$33,572.95	\$11,427.01	\$65,017.87		\$36,736.29	\$12,150.75	\$73,464.99		\$43,593.88	\$10,944.48	\$79,111.68	

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APPENDIX B

CITY RELIEF DEPARTMENT

	1911	1912	1913	1914
Total Expenditures	\$17,279.67	\$20,572.44	\$24,744.22	\$53,998.32*
Reimbursements . .	-3,333.76	-3,847.16	-3,027.26	-7,061.88
Net Expenditures .	13,945.91	16,725.28	21,716.96	46,936.44
Number of Families	441	553	538	856
Number of Persons	1,518	1,979	1,795	3,325
Orders Drawn . . .	4,130	4,870	5,502	12,773†

*This was the first complete year of Mothers' Aid disbursements and the sum expended therefor and included in the above total was \$13,047.

†February and March showed the largest number of orders drawn, and they were three times as many as in February and March, 1913.

APPENDIX C

TO THE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT AND RELIEF COMMITTEE OF THE WORCESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Treasurer begs to submit the following report, covering the period from Dec. 1st, 1914, to and including April 13, 1915. Contributions have been made by 260 in-

dividuals and business concerns.....	\$2,879.35	
Returned from District Nursing Fund...	52.00	
Returned from Miss Billings.....	9.48	
Total receipts.....		\$2,940.83
Disbursements as follows:—		
Edith Billings, per vouchers.....	\$2,475.83	
Genevieve Russell	30.00	

Eliz. M. Dana.....	80.00
A. W. Armstrong.....	40.00
A. W. Armstrong and E. M. Dana.....	65.00
District Nursing Loan.....	200.00
Walker Ice Co., coal a/c on orders.....	50.00

\$2,940.83

Leaving no cash on hand.

Of the \$200 set aside for the Loan Account, under the supervision of the District Nursing Society, I would say that 12 loans, varying in amounts from \$10 to \$15 have been made, totaling \$150. Payments have been made on account by borrowers of \$2, leaving outstanding loans payable to Bureau of Employment and Relief of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce of \$148.

Eighteen individuals or firms have pledged themselves to make contributions on the first day of January, February and March; total pledges for each month, \$77; of this amount there is still due the Committee \$34.00.

All monies for disbursements have been paid on vouchers signed by Miss Witherspoon and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, the itemized bills being in the hands of the Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED)

ALBERT L. STRATTON,
Treasurer.

APPENDIX D

SUMMARY OF RELIEF GIVEN FROM OCTOBER 1, 1914, TO MARCH 31, 1915

Name	Contributions	Receipts from Beneficiaries	Expenditures	Individuals
Bureau of Employment and Relief.....	\$2,879.35	\$148.00	\$2,879.35	1,058
City Relief.....	25,653.38	2.00	25,653.39†	3,122
<i>Private Beneficiaries—</i>				11,342*
Associated Charities.....	7,169.48		6,115.31	6,712
Swedish Charitable Society.....	764.13		1,220.48	172
Worcester Employment Society.....	1,874.56		3,478.05	80
Bethel Help Association.....	2,298.36	1,445.22	4,052.02	12,140‡
Galilee Mission.....	795.73		795.73	66
Door of Hope.....	1,616.65	66.00	997.99	
St. Agnes Guild.....				
Mass. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children.....	2,404.00		2,166.17	897
Worcester Children's Friend Society.....	3,043.14	2,389.20	8,931.78	228
Temporary Home and Day Nursery.....	2,640.90	396.45	3,870.64	205
Boys' Club.....		907.17	2,745.13	813§
Society for District Nursing.....	5,630.17	1,851.30	7,294.53	1,745
Memorial Hospital Aid Society, Social Worker.....	1,087.00		521.68	2,026
Totals.....	\$57,856.87	\$6,505.34	\$70,722.26	

*Orders drawn.

†Total amount expended, \$35,296.92; less revenue from cities and towns, \$9,643.53.

‡Of this amount, \$6,837.03 was for Mothers' Aid.

§39,967 lodgers and 2,152 helped by free beds, free meals or special aid.

||Cash.

||Notes.

||Members, none asked for aid.

REPORT OF MISS EDITH BILLINGS
INVESTIGATOR RELIEF WORK—BUREAU OF EMPLOY-
MENT AND RELIEF

ACTUAL DISBURSEMENTS, MARCH 22, 1915

Number of families dealt with.....	206
Number of persons in families.....	1058
Number of orders given.....	1117
Groceries	709
Fuel	285
Fuel from G. T. Dewey contribution.....	23
Shoes	57
Rubbers	12
Clothing	14
Medicine	8
Rent.....	6
Cash	3
Number of nationalities represented.....	20
Americans	125
Italians	92
Irish	62
French-Canadians	25
Poles	20
Lithuanians	16
English	14
Swedish	13
Nova Scotians	9
Armenians	6
Syrians	6
Finns	5
Germans	4
Americans, Colored.....	4
Scotch	2
Norwegians	2
Jews	4
French	1
Galacian	1
Hungarian	1
Amount expended for relief.....	\$2455.83
Amount expended for car tickets.....	20.00



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